

Town of Wenham Conservation Commission
Meeting of Monday October 22, 2007 ~ 7:30 PM
Senior Center, School Street

Commissioners Present: Patrick Wilson, Chair; Leo Maestranzi; Robert Burnett, Ken Whittaker; Phil Colarusso; Malcolm Reid

Also Present: Emilie Cademartori, Conservation Coordinator

Continued Public Hearings

Notices of Intent

1. 363 Grapevine Rd (DEP file #326-0298)

Subdivision access road, utility installation, drainage and grading

Applicant: Henrik Sandell

Peer Review Engineer: Peter Ogren, Hayes Engineering

Mr. Milt Hamilton was present for the applicant. There was some discussion on the draft Order of Conditions, including the Findings statement. It was clarified that the applicant has met the burden of proof allowing work to occur in the 30 foot no disturb zone. Changes were suggested to the wording of section IIC defining the "work" to be done.

Mr. Maestranzi made a motion to grant the OOC. Mr. Reid seconded.

Voting in favor: Patrick Wilson; Leo Maestranzi; Robert Burnett, Ken Whittaker, Phil Colarusso, Malcolm Reid

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

2. Horse Hill lane (DEP file# 326-0301)

Horse Hill Lane road improvement, driveway, house & septic

Applicant: Peter Proulx

Coordinator received a written request for continuance.

New Public Hearing

Notice of Intent

9 Hull Street

Barn construction, driveway and landscaping improvements

Applicant: Jonathan and Sarah Prescott

Representative: Mary Rimmer, Rimmer Environmental Consulting

Jonathan Prescott was present and Mary Rimmer presented the project, consisting of screen house construction, landscaping and new barn/garage. A house addition is outside of jurisdiction. Invasive buckthorn will be removed by cutting and hand application of herbicide. One large ash tree will be removed within the 30 foot no disturb zone. A site visit was scheduled for October 30 @ 8:30am. Commissioners asked that the structures and resource lines be marked.

Mr. Maestranzi made a motion to continue the hearing until 11/13, Mr. Reid seconded. All commissioners voted in favor.

MOTION CARRIED

15 Rear Juniper-Paddock

Owner Diane Pizzo, present. Commissioner Colarusso recused himself.

Coordinator summarized the current circumstances. A paddock was constructed in the buffer zone to a wetland in 2000 without a permit. In July 2007, the Commission received a complaint that trucks of fill were brought to the property. A site visit was conducted on October 12. Erosion of the paddock surface was noted. Commissioners discussed ways to alleviate the

erosion problem and suggested that Ms. Pizzo attend the meeting to discuss permitting options. The discussion ensued and Ms. Pizzo was requested to file an RDA for the remediation work proposed. Due to the location of the property relative to the drinking water supply wells, it was noted that continued manure removal will be a condition of any granted approval.

Continued Public Hearing

ANRAD (DEP file # 326-0302)

Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (DEP file #326-0302)

#75 & 79 Arbor St ROSC Subdivision

Applicant Peter Gourdeau, 75 Arbor Street, LLC

Commissioner Colarusso recused himself. David Suminsby, an abutter was present. The coordinator summarized the circumstances of the permit application. There were 2 issues. First, it was undecided when the outside review of the vernal pool status should occur, and second due to lack of a quorum at prior meetings, the ORAD had not yet been issued. There was discussion about the accuracy of the delineation. The consensus was that the line presented is fine and that the vernal pool study should occur in March/April 2008. The firm will be selected at the next meeting, after members have time to re-review the proposals.

Mr.Reid made a motion to issue the ORAD. Mr. Maestranzi seconded.

Voting in favor: Patrick Wilson; Leo Maestranzi; Robert Burnett, Ken Whittaker, Malcolm Reid

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

Request for Certificate of Compliance

83 Pleasant Street (DEP # 326-0297)

Two Story Addition, garage under, deck, porch, & site grading

Applicant: Sriharsa Pradhan

Representative: Chuck Johnson C.G. Johnson Engineering, Inc.

The coordinator reported the results of the final site inspection. Some minor erosion is occurring on adjacent Town owned property that will be discussed with the Town DPW. There was a motion to grant the COC, motion passed 5-0, with Commissioner Whittaker abstaining.

Discussion Items

The estimate from Tom Harrington to provide an updated set of regulations was discussed. The cost was estimated at \$1500-2000. Commissioner Whittaker thought it was unnecessary to spend the funds, and would attempt to work on the updates himself.

The HW School request for funding was discussed. It was the consensus of the Commission not to grant the requested funds.

The coordinator reported that the Board of Health issued an emergency beaver trapping permit for the Longham Reservoir crossing at Dodges Row.

The MA Natural Heritage Program recently certified 2 new vernal pools in Wenham.

Administrative Business

Minutes - September 24

Mr. Maestranzi made a motion to accept the minutes as amended.

Mr. Burnett seconded.

Voting in favor: Patrick Wilson; Leo Maestranzi; Robert Burnett, Ken Whittaker

Opposed: None

MOTION CARRIED

It was noted that the next CC meeting falls on a holiday; therefore the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 13, 2007

9:20 pm

Mr. Reid made a motion to adjourn and it was unanimous to do so.